To the Kings Most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Petition of

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THat We Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, having all along behaved our Selves with an humble and modest Patience and Submission, amongst the most Eminent Dangers, and most signal disappointments; Can no longer be silent without rendring our Selves infamous to posterity, as Persons abandoning our own Safety, wanting Courage to defend Your Majesties Life, Zeal for the Protestant Religion, and Love for our Country.

And whereas by the Known Laws of this Realm (which Your Majesty has obliged Your Self by Your Coronation Oath to observe) Your Majesty is to use the Advice of Your great Council, the Parliament; for Redressing Grievances, and providing extraordinary Remedy against unusual and Eminent Dangers. And whereas, Your Majesty was Graciously pleased to the Infinite Joy of Your whole Kingdom, on the 20th. day of *April* last, to Declare to Your Parliament, That it was your Resolution to Consult with, and be Advised by Parliaments, in all Your Majesties Weighty and Important Affairs.

And whereas there never was any Affair so Weighty, and so Important as the Preservation of Your Sacred Person and Kingdom, from the present Plots, Influences, Villanous Designes, and Bloody Conspiracies of the Papists at Home in Conjunction with their Adherents abroad, to which they are chiefly Encouraged by [the Hopes of a Popish Successor, and] the Absence of Parliaments, by whom alone the Principal Conspirators can be brought to Justice.

And whereas we have been awakened to a greater sense of our Danger, and of the nearness of our Destruction, as well by the Consideration of the Terrour and Amazement of all Your Majesties Subjects, during Your Majesties suddain and violent Sickness, from which to their Infinite joy, and by the great Goodness of God you are so happily Recovered, as also by observing the Insolence of the Papists to increase continually, and that they still pursue their Accursed Designs, by New and more detestable methods of Endeavouring to Corrupt Your Majesties Evidence, and suborning Witnesses to accuse many Great and Innocent Protestants of Pretended Treasons, (thereby the better to Conceal and Execute their own) whereby no mans Life or Estate can be secure.

We do therefore Most Humbly Beseech Your Majesty, To the end that the aforesaid Hellish Conspiracies may be throughly Examin'd, and Justice Effectually done upon the Conspirators, and sufficient and adequate Provisions may be made for securing Your Majesties Royal Person, The Protestant Religion, The Ancient well-Establisht Government of this Kingdom, and all Your Majesties Protestant Subjects, That the present Parliament Prorogued to the 26th. of *January* next, may Meet and continue to Sit till they have accomplisht those Great Ends, which will render Your Majesty the Most Beloved of Princes, will make Your Name Glorious to Posterity, and Your Subjects most Happy under Your Reign.

And Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, will chearfully with their Lives and Fortunes, Defend Your Majesties Person and Government, and as in Duty bound will pray For and rejoyce In Your Long and Prosperous Reign.